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SECRETARY OF STATE TO HOLD VOTING RIGHTS MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO MARCH 29

BATON ROUGE, LA – Secretary of State Al Ater will hold a town hall meeting in San Antonio to discuss voting rights information with voters displaced from Louisiana because of hurricanes Katrina and Rita Wednesday, March 29, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Palo Alto College, in the Performing Arts Building, Room 100B.

Secretary Ater will be discussing voting rights with regards to the upcoming Orleans elections and be available to answer any questions regarding specifics of voting by mail absentee ballot, voting at satellite registrar's offices within the state of Louisiana during the early voting period and voting in Orleans' Parish on election day.

"I think it is imperative for our office to reach out to our displaced voters to try and answer any questions they have about participating in their elections," Ater said. "We have mailed out information to more than 700,000 households. We have also conducted a public education campaign via newspapers, radio and television, but I feel it is important to take this opportunity to try and personally reach out to those citizens who have not yet been able to return home."

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